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The President's Committee
To Study the United States Military Assistance Program
708 Jackson Place NW.
Washington 25, D. C.

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9 January 1959

Dear Mr. Dulles:

In furtherance of the President's instruction to the Chairman of the Committee for an evaluation of the U. S. Military Assistance Program, two studies have been programmed: (1) An examination of the effectiveness of our military aid in enabling our allies in underdeveloped countries to meet the communist threat of "internal" aggression or subversion; and (2) A treatment of the problem of U. S. assistance to underdeveloped countries in terms of its political-sociological ramifications. Dr. Lessing A. Kahn (Code 113, Ext. 3109) of the Committee's staff has been given responsibility for action on these studies.

In carrying through the designs for these studies, the subjects in the attached enclosures represent some of the essential elements. The Committee believes that the Central Intelligence Agency would be best able to meet its requirements, and, in this connection, Dr. Kahn has contacted [redacted] of your staff. It is suggested that within the time limits set for the task, that our needs with respect to the first enclosure be met in the form of a written submission, and, with respect to the second enclosure, our requirements be satisfied by discussions with appropriate working members of your staff.

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It will be greatly appreciated if this request for assistance is treated with some degree of urgency, with the answers re-

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quested in enclosure 1 and the discussions covering enclosure 2 provided by 26 January 1959.

Sincerely yours,


William H. Draper, Jr.
Chairman

Enclosures (2)

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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ENCLOSURE 1

1. This request is for summary estimates of the character, scope, and magnitude of the internal threats posed by communist operations in the less developed countries. The countries to be covered include both independent and dependent countries; in Africa, all except South Africa; in Asia, all except the communist states, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand; in Latin America, all. The form and content of the data should be as follows:

a. A chart or tabulation showing the magnitude of the indigenous communist movements in the various countries. For each country the information should include: (1) whether the communist organization is legal or illegal; (2) the number of its members; (3) the number of its supporters; and (4) the number of its sympathizers. An activist might be considered a member; a voter might be considered a supporter; a fellow-traveller might be considered a sympathizer. But CIA is welcome to furnish its own definitions for these general categories of communist affiliation.

b. A chart or tabulation for countries in which there are legal communist parties, to show: (1) year of last national elections; (2) communist votes in last national elections, % of total; (3) rank order among other parties in % of votes; (4) per cent increase or decrease over previous national elections; (5) current seats in the national legislature, number (per cent); and (6) other significant offices held, national and local. For this purpose, CIA should include countries in which the communist party, while identifiably communist, employs other labels.

c. A chart or tabulation to show the extent of communist infiltration of key organizations or elements in the various countries. The criterion of extent of infiltration should be "influence" or "control" in this case. The extent should be described in quantitative terms such as; negligible, some, considerable, predominant. The organizations or groupings to be covered should include: armed forces, police, civil service, education, communications (press, radio, movies, literature, etc.), trade unions, ethnic minorities, tenant farmers, etc. CIA should add other significant groups where appropriate, e.g.,

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leftist or radical-nationalist organizations or parties, veterans organizations, guerrillas, and the like.

d. For each country, a brief estimate elaborating the chart data. These should treat the indigenous communist threat over the next five years or so.

e. For each country, a brief appraisal of their ability to cope with communist revolutionary operations ranging from legal or quasi-legal activities to armed insurrection.

f. For those underdeveloped countries in which the major internal threat to U. S. interests, other than communist: a brief estimate of the nature and gravity of the internal threat, as in e above.

ENCLOSURE 2

1. The Committee would be interested in a briefing of its studies group by selected members of the CIA staff, regarding the political and social ramifications of military aid programs. Basic questions to be covered in this briefing are of the following kind:

a. After the initiation of a military aid program, has there been a political reorientation within officers corps of recipient countries towards the U. S., or the Free World in general?

b. Have military aid programs improved the internal stability of local military forces?

c. Have such programs been accompanied by a decline in communist or otherwise subversive and revolutionary influence?

d. What has been the effect of such programs on attenuating guerrilla unrest or on the prevention of guerrilla activities?

e. Have military officers who receive training in American institutions achieved prominence either within the military organizations or within the state and have they been able to influence local politics in a pro-American sense?

f. What have been the politically negative results of military aid programs?

g. What have been the effects of such programs on the educational level in the recipient countries?

2. The information to be included in the subject briefing should be oriented toward the individual countries with which the U. S. has bilateral military aid agreements: Brazil, Chile, Columbia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Greece, Guatamala, Hati, Honduras, Indochinese States, Iran, Iraq, Korea, Libya, Nicaragua, Peru, Philippines, Portugal, Spain, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay.

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